

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An Internet based gift registry service allowing members to post events to a calendar and/or a list and create wish lists associated with those events. Members may create or join password protected gift-exchange groups, where they may share group-specific events and wish lists. Each member is provided with a personal calendar of events, which is automatically updated with group events to which the members belongs. A member may add event reminders to his/her calendar, which are viewable by all members, or private reminders viewable only by that member. Members may also exclude other groups and group members from viewing and accessing events and their associated wish lists at the time the event is entered. A message center is provided allowing members to exchange messages and a shopping forum is available for purchasing gifts online.